

Jewish Evangelism:

The Starting Point for the Great Commission | October 31, 2021

Summary

As followers of Christ, we are commanded to make disciples.

Scripture

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." -Mathew 28:19-20 (NASB)

I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? Far from it! But by their wrongdoing salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. Now if their wrongdoing proves to be riches for the world, and their failure, riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be! But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Therefore insofar as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry if somehow I may move my own people to jealousy and save some of them. For if their rejection proves to be the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the first piece of dough is holy, the lump is also; and if the root is holy, the branches are as well.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either. See then the kindness and severity of God: to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; for otherwise you too will be cut off. And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again. For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

For I do not want you, brothers and sisters, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written:

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"The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. This is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

In relation to the gospel they are enemies on your account, but in relation to God's choice they are beloved on account of the fathers; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Romans 11:11-29 (NASB)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16 (NASB)

Let's Start

Have you visited Israel? If so, did it impact your faith? How?

Gratitude and Prayer

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to pray for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Talk

- 1. What was something interesting you learned from our guest speaker, Mitch Glaser?
- 2. What is the role of the Jewish people today in God's plan to reach and disciple the world?
- 3. Why is Jewish evangelism important for the Church?
- 4. How is Jewish evangelism unique?
- 5. What are some other people groups that evangelism might look different from sharing our faith with others? Do you have any personal experience with sharing the Gospel with other people groups?
- 6. Looking at the Romans 11:11-29 passage, what lessons can we learn from Paul's analogy of the olive tree?

Let's Act

Pray for Wooddale's global partners. (Did you receive our Prayer Guide in the mail? If not, email <u>worldwide@wooddale.org</u> and we'll get you one!) To learn more about the Chosen People ministry, watch this two-minute video: <u>https://vimeo.com/360273350/8f9ca010e3</u>

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